

"He was a great and sharing man... We have lost a warm and good friend."

Dr. Jury and his gracious wife, Elsie McLeod Murray, played a major role in the excavation of Fort Ste Marie, at Midland, Ontario, where five of the eight Canadian Martyrs died, and, thanks to his know-how, in the discovery of the fourth site of Caughnawaga (1696-1719). There, during 1955 and 1956, he unearthed over 3643 relics. The Fathers at the Mission soon got to know and love him. He hoped to find the remains of Fr. Jacques de Lamberville, who had baptized Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in 1676, but the St. Lawrence Seaway interrupted his search. To Mrs. Jury, our sincere condolences and for Dr. Jury the ancient prayer, "May he rest in peace!"

THE BLESSED KATERI FLOAT



Fort Plain, New York celebrated its 150th birthday with a two-hour parade Saturday, June 5, 1982. Floats, bands, and over 2,000 marchers weathered the rain. The float that seemed to welcome the rain, however, was the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha float as the nature design was alive with trees, growing grass, living flowers and a waterfall that pumped water from the Tekakwitha spring near

where Kateri lived 11 years of her life. Stuffed animals adorned the nature setting and under the rainbow were a proud Mohawk—Little Peacock from the St. Regis Indian Reservation and the drummer, Collin Phillips, from the Kahnawake Iroquois Reservation near Montreal.

St. James, Church of Fort Plain, New York, sponsored the float, and parishioners, with the help of The Noteworthy Company of Amsterdam, NY, built and donated, it. The float was viewed in various places throughout the Mohawk Valley during the summer.

THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

This Conference took place at LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY, on June 25, 26, and 27, 1982. It was hosted by the Kateri Tekakwitha Committee of St. Lucy's Church of the same city, in conjunction with the National Tekakwitha Conference. Peg Bova, Harriet Ellis, and Sr. Mary Elizabeth made up the perfect reception committee. On Saturday morning, the Kateri Blessing was pantomimed by Iroquois Indians living in the neighborhood. The subjects treated during the day were certainly worthwhile. Fr. Gilbert F. Hemauer, O.F.M., Cap., President of the National Tekakwitha Conference, spoke on alcoholism and Chief Solomon Cook of St. Regis on Indian leadership: both were exceptionally good. Chief Shenadoah and Lloyd Elm of the Onondaga traditionalists explained their point of view and tendered a promise of better understanding

between their people and the Christian Indians. The Conference closed on Sunday morning with a Concelebration presided by His Excellency, Bishop Frank Harrison of Syracuse. Instead of the homily, the life of Blessed Kateri, written by Mrs. Sarah Monroe

Hassenplug, was played by a fine Indian cast. This Regional Conference was an excellent preparation for the 43d Annual National Tekakwitha Conference which was held at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, from August 9-13, 1982.

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. A.B.!

Having a missionary relative in Africa, I would like to share my donations with her, for she certainly needs them, but, Kateri, I won't let you down, you have helped me so much and I do hope you will keep it up in spite of my cutting. "Seems I now have the fever of cutting." Therefore my check will be twenty dollars monthly. I hope it will be in some way useful. We seem to be getting along fairly well. My little baby in Nashua is doing fine. The doctors did admit she will not be retarded. Alleluia to God and our Little Maiden, Kateri! Well, Father, you will celebrate your golden jubilee this year as does my cousin in Manchester, so sharing is a must. . .

(LaSalle, P.Q.)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. L.B.!

Enclosed are ten dollars to help towards Kateri's Canonization. I prayed to her for four years, hoping some way would come up for my daughter to make her Confirmation. In this country, since the age limit was raised in our Diocese in the past few years, my daughter couldn't receive this much needed sacrament even though she wished to. This April, our Parish Priest allowed her to make it at another Church in our area. B. is now eighteen years old so you can see why I was concerned. I thank Kateri for her intercession. I'm sure it was through her my prayers were answered.

(Brush Prairie, WA)

✿ Kateri's smile upon you, Mrs. C.K.!

I am sending this donation in thanks to Kateri. I have been wanting a child for years and the pastor at my Church gave me a booklet for a novena to Kateri, and in March I gave birth to a beautiful son. I pray for her canonization. She has been a great help to me.

(Altoona, PA.)

(When acknowledging favors to Kateri, be sure to indicate details.)